

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 532-31 (COR)  
Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Barbara Jean Mansapit Tainatongo, a proud member of *Taotao Tano'*, for her graduation from the Chamorro arts apprenticeship program under the master of Chamorro dance, Frank Rabon, and for receiving her certification as a cultural arts teacher.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Barbara Jean Mansapit Tainatongo, born May 24, 1976 and formerly of Merizo, and currently residing in the village of Yona, Guam, is the proud daughter of Peter Meno Tainatongo, and Doris San Nicolas Mansapit Tainatongo (Dec.)(*Familian Låbon*) raised with the traditions of our Chamorro people, and who speaks, writes, reads, and comprehends the Chamorro language fluently; and

WHEREAS, Barbara J.M. Tainatongo began her primary education at Merizo Martyrs Memorial Elementary School (1981), and completed her education at Inarajan High School (1994); and

WHEREAS, Barbara J.M. Tainatongo is presently a student at the University of Guam majoring in Chamorro Language Studies and Criminal Justice, and currently integrates her knowledge of Chamorro dance, songs, chants and weaving in her Chamorro Language Class beginning at Talofof Elementary School in 2004, as well as volunteering as a Chamorro Cultural

Dance Teacher for the *Hurao* Cultural Camp, Sinajana 2006/7 and an after school Cultural Dance Program at the Mt. Carmel Catholic School in Agat 2007/8; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara J.M. Tainatongo, a traditionally recognized “*Fafa’na’gue*” for *Guma Katon I Tano’* has completed all the levels in her *Chalan Lina’la* (*Åplok, mânha, mãsun, yan fãha*), and has met all the requirements by the Master of Chamorro Dance – Frank Rabon, to be certified as a Chamorro Traditional Arts instructor; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara J.M. Tainatongo began her cultural studies in Chamorro dance, songs, chants & weaving under the Master of Chamorro Dance – Frank Rabon in 1991, as a sophomore at Inarajan High School: and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of *Taotao Tano’* represented the Chamorro People in four (4) Festivals of Pacific Arts (‘96, ‘04, ‘08, ‘12), World Cultural Festivals in the United States 1998, Taiwan 1999 & 2001, Europe 2001, Korea 2002 & 2003, Mexico 2002, and cultural festivals in the Pacific Region beginning in 1995, and assisted the Guam Visitors Bureau in promotional tours throughout Asia and the Pacific (Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Australia, New Guinea), and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, her guidance under the Master of Chamorro Dance inspired her to perpetuate her passion in the preservation, perpetuation, protection & education of Chamorro dance, songs, chants and weaving by formulating her school-based group “*Talofofu Elementary School – Katon I Tano’* (Tigers of the Land)” now known as “*Guma Katon I Tano’*” community-based in 2004, receiving legislative resolutions, certificate awards from schools, community, Civic organization, Government Agencies, Private Businesses, the Tourism

Industry, and most recent 2011 Governors Health and Fitness Award for Dynamic Dance Sports Program first of its kind to ever be awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, her cultural house (*Guma Katon I Tano'*) has provided Chamorro cultural performances for the community of Guam, the Government Of Guam, Tourism Industry, Private businesses and has provided valuable volunteer services in mentorship, knowledge of Chamorro Language and Culture to the underprivileged members of our society, and volunteer services to our elderly community since 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, through her mentorship and guidance she has inspired many of the members within her cultural house (*Guma Katon I Tano'*) to pursue the path of education especially in the area of Chamorro Language and Culture, and in other chosen careers eventually contributing to our social and economic growth, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby commend and congratulate Barbara Jean Mansapit Tainatongo for graduating from the Chamorro arts apprenticeship program under the master of Chamorro dance Frank Rabon, and for receiving her certification as a cultural arts teacher; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest, to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to Barbara Jean Mansapit Tainatongo, to *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.**